



Florida Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

The Florida Chapter of the American Fisheries Society created the Roger Rottmann Memorial Scholarship in 1997 in the memory of Roger Rottmann, one of the first fisheries biologist hired by the State of Florida University System. Roger conducted fisheries and aquaculture research for more than 20 years at the University of Florida, producing numerous scientific journal articles, educational publications, and videos. Roger was a founding member of the Florida Chapter and played an important role in the early development of our chapter. Additionally, he remained an active member of our chapter and other professional societies dealing with fisheries and aquatic resources until his untimely death in 1994.

The scholarship was established to recognize outstanding graduate students enrolled in Florida universities and colleges. The Rottmann Scholarship is awarded to currently enrolled students who are members of Florida Chapter of the American Fisheries and are majoring in a field of study directly related to fish biology, fish ecology, fisheries management, or aquatic sciences. The Florida Chapter awards one scholarship at the Doctoral and one at the Masters level each year. Previous winners have been students from the University of Florida, the University of Miami, Florida Institute of Technology, and the University of West Florida. You can find more information about the Rottmann Scholarship on the Florida Chapter's web site, www.sdafs.org/flafs/, or select the Florida link on the Southern Division American Fisheries Society's web site, www.sdafs.org.

The Florida Chapter is soliciting donations to the Roger Rottmann Memorial Scholarship Fund from potential Charter sponsors like you in an effort to increase the scholarship's endowment. Florida faces many fisheries and aquatic resource issues. The students at Florida's colleges and universities are actively engaged in research on these issues with an eye toward solutions that can preserve and protect fish, fishing, and the aquatic environment for the future. Many of today's students will become future leaders in aquatic stewardship. The Florida Chapter considers the Roger Rottmann Memorial Scholarship to be one of its most important functions. With this in mind, the Florida Chapter will match all donations on a dollar for dollar basis (up to a total of \$6,000). The Chapter hopes over the next few years to increase the size of the award and number of scholarships offered.

You can partner with the Florida Chapter in this important effort by sending your contribution to the Florida Chapter AFS, ATT: Larry Connor, 403 Firewood Avenue, Eustis, FL 32726. All checks should be payable to the Florida Chapter American Fisheries Society. The Florida Chapter of the American Fisheries Society is a not-for-profit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and all contributions are fully deductible. Please include your mailing address so that we may acknowledge your gift and provide you with a receipt.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathryn Guindon-Tisdell".

Kathryn Guindon-Tisdell, Past President
Florida Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lawrence L. Connor".

Lawrence L. Connor, Treasurer
Rottmann Memorial Scholarship Fund